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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the Attorney General has prepared the official title and summary of a new initiative measure. Based on the official summary date, the Secretary of State prepares and notifies proponent of calendar filing deadlines, which appear below.

The Attorney General's official title and summary as received by the Secretary of State is as follows:

RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Amends the California Constitution to add a personal right to acquire and possess arms for defense of self, family and home. Requires state to prove a compelling government interest for any action regulating and bearing of arms. Provides that all county, city, and local government action on this subject is preempted by state law and this amendment. Allows the state to continue regulating the acquisition or possession of arms by felons, minors, mentally incompetent persons, or persons subject to restraining orders based on their violent conduct. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: This measure would result in unknown, potential costs to the state and unknown net fiscal effects on local governments.

The proponent, Donald Kilmer, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, 8 percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, for their measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is June 18, 2004. The initiative proponent can be reached at 408-998-8489.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.